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In re Application of:)
Guy Marck et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: COMPOUND, being a **National Stage filing** of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/06788, filed on July 17, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, after the title, insert as a first paragraph the following:

-- This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of international application no. PCT/EP00/06788, filed on July 17, 2000, which published in the English language. This application also claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) to European patent application no. 99305857.7, filed on July 23, 1999. --

In the claims:

Please cancel claims ~~8-9~~ without prejudice or disclaimer

Please also amend claims ~~3-7~~ and 10-13 as follows:

3. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, in which the repeating unit of formula (I) accounts for at least 50% of the monomer building blocks in the compound.